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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
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For: DIAMOND ELECTRON EMITTER AND
ELECTRON BEAM SOURCE USING SAME

Examiner: Elmito Breval

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Madam:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the final Office Action mailed December 5, 2008, and prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.